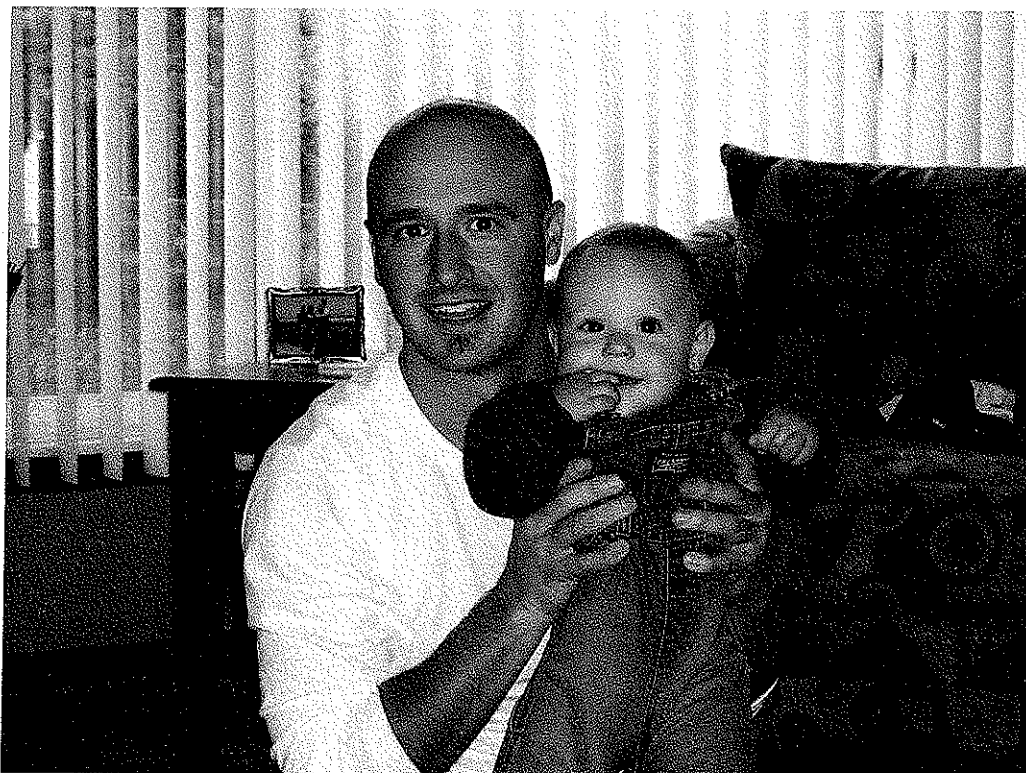


I was in a relationship with a married woman from March 2005 to Late June of 2005 who said she was going to leave her husband for me and then backed out. After this point we stayed friends. A month later she came to my house and said she was pregnant. She told me that it was her husband's child and that she was sorry for all the pain she put me through. She tells me that she has called an abortion clinic. She is thinking of having an abortion. I tell her that having an abortion is not the right thing to do. We are all adults and she should take responsibility. We still had a strong friendship at this point. We talked on the phone often. She and I had talked and agreed that she and her husband would be tested to make sure it was in fact their child when he was born. Two days after the birth February 16, 2006 she contacted me from the hospital saying that all was well. She said He was their child. She said to me that she had told the nurse that she wanted to be tested because of the situation that she had been in. About four months later in June of 2006 she started calling me and saying that the child looked like me. After a few of her calls consisting of conversations about her thinking He was my child, I asked her if it would make her feel at peace if we went and got a DNA test. So she, the baby and I went and had a DNA test done on August 28, 2006. She asked me what we would do if He were mine. I told her if she had the testing done like she said, that He was not going to be mine although I really did think He looked like me a lot. We discussed that if in some chance that He was, I thought we might try to have a relationship so I could be in my child's life as much as possible. Two weeks later September 11, 2006 the DNA results come he is in fact my child 99.88% positive.



I started seeing him on a regular basis. My whole family meets my son including my mom, dad, step dad, brother etc. This goes on for about four months without her husband knowing that I'm seeing him. I get the feeling that his mother just wants to be in a relationship with me and she really doesn't care if I'm in my son's life. At this point I really start to think of her husband and how he is going to feel. I really did not want to exclude him from seeing what he thought was his own son. He had already been his dad for seven months. I did not want to take that away from him. I really was feeling stressed because this seemed to be more about a relationship outcome more than the simple fact that I wanted to be in my sons life and more so that my son should be able to see his own biological father. I ask her if she wanted me in his life no matter our relationship outcome. She told me yes. The next day I tell her that I talked to a lawyer about my rights. I asked if she would sign a new acknowledgment of paternity that my lawyer gave me stating that I was the father so I could have visitation. Two days later I tried to call her. The phone number had been changed. I contacted her at work. I worked with her at the time. She told me not to come see her or try to contact her at work or at all. I hired a lawyer the day that she cut off all contact November 16, 2006. March 1, 2007 my scheduled court date finally comes. I felt very prepared with my DNA test, many pictures, phone records, and proof of our relationship. I asked to pay child support also for a scheduled visitation for the most amount of time I could spend with my son. This case was held at the Washtenaw County Court in Ann Arbor, Mi. The case took about five minutes. I was never asked to take the stand or show any proof of my relationship with my son. Long story short you have no rights in Michigan if you are the biological father and you have had a relationship with your child if the mother is married to another man at the time of birth. WOW what a shock. I don't feel its right that my own son by law is withheld from seeing his own biological father. For this has everything to do with my son's rights and nothing to do with either party's feelings.

I am happy that we all are meeting here on Bill SB 197 of 2009. I am in hope that this Bill will have language in that is retroactive and meets the criteria of a man or woman in my position. I know that there are many other children and men and women that I am regularly contacted by that this outdated paternity act of 1956 that we are currently in use of has affected. I am also sure that there are many others. I also hope that this Bill is passed by the Senate and House and ends up being a Senate Enrolled Bill that is written to protect children and parents rights. This is the only thing that I can hope for that will maybe make me be able to see my son. I have not seen my son since November 2, 2006. Son I love you so much I would do anything to see you today and everyday. I am still working for us!

I would like to thank you all for reading this. If there are any questions or comments my email is dcisforme@yahoo.com or if you would like to call me my phone number is 734-812-8273.

Sincerely,

Daniel Wharton